

FISCAL NOTE

SB 446 - HB 636

March 23, 2005

SUMMARY OF BILL: Modifies the operation of the Judicial Selection Commission in regard to its role in selecting nominees to be considered to fill vacancies on the Court of Appeals, Court of Criminal Appeals and the Supreme Court. The bill requires that the commission hold *hearings* rather than *meetings* to conduct the business of selecting nominees for judicial appointments by the Governor. Under current law, the commission is required to hold at least one public meeting but is also empowered to hold private meetings. The bill eliminates all private meetings.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures - Not Significant

Assumption:

- Some additional expenditure to hold all public meetings. Such increase in state expenditures is estimated to be not significant.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James W. White".

James W. White, Executive Director